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VIA FACSIMILE

Joint Committee on Judiciary
Room 2500, Legislative Office Building
Hartford, CT 06106

Re: In support of Senate Bill 31, "An Act Establishing a Commission on Judicial Compensation"

Dear Members of the Judiciary Committee of the Connecticut General Assembly:

The Judiciary is the guardian of individual liberties and rights against governmental and corporate excesses. We depend on it to resolve disputes according to law with fairness, independence and impartiality. We safeguard judicial independence and assure the dignity and value of those who sit on the Bench by enacting a process and mechanism to properly assess and adjust their compensation, removed from political pressures consistent with economic realities in an objective fashion. We, the HCBA, believe that the Governor's Bill no 31, in balanced fashion, provides such a process and conduit for meaningful dialogue and decision on this important and sensitive issue.

Respectfully,

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